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SUBJECT: FM SPANTA: EIDE THREAT TO RESIGN, KIDNAPPED AFGHAN
DIPLOMAT

Classified By: Ambassador William B. Wood for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

Summary

¶1. (C) FM Spanta told the Ambassador at their 11/5 meeting that: (1) Kai Eide told the Afghan UN Perm Rep that he was considering resigning in frustration. The Ambassador and Spanta are urging Eide not to do so. (2) Spanta sought U.S. help in finding the Afghan diplomat kidnapped in Pakistan. See action request in para 4.

Kai Eide: Threat to resign in frustration

¶2. (C) Eide was in New York earlier this week to make the case for UNAMA's 2009 budget request. While there, he called on Afghan UN Perm Rep Ambassador Tanin. Tanin reported Eide as angry and pessimistic: the Afghan government was not serious about reform and the international community was not supporting him. Eide told Tanin he was considering resigning in frustration. Spanta was alarmed and urged the US to encourage Eide to stay. The Ambassador reiterated U.S. support for Eide and his performance, and would encourage him to continue.

US assistance on kidnapped Afghan diplomat

¶3. (C) Spanta asked for U.S. assistance in determining the whereabouts of Abdul Khaliq Farahi, the Afghan Consul General to Peshawar and Ambassador-designate to Islamabad. Farahi was kidnapped on 9/22 in Peshawar. Spanta asked for help from Pakistan authorities when he was in Islamabad recently, but the authorities had no information on the case. Spanta and the Foreign Ministry were upset about the circumstances and the cold trail. The Ambassador assured him the US would do what it could to assist.

4.(C) Action Request: Embassy Kabul requests the Department and other relevant agencies provide appropriate assistance to Afghan authorities, per FM Spanta's request.
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